Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (SDAEYC) and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child from April 18 – 24, 2004; and,

Whereas, By calling attention to the need for high-quality early childhood services for all children and families within our state, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and,

Whereas, The future of our state depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; and,

Whereas, High-quality early childhood services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 18 – 24, 2004, as

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in our state.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State